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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: **STORAGE APPARATUS AND AREA ALLOCATION METHOD**
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 40 pages, including 3 independent claims and 20 claims total.
2. Drawings - 8 sheets of formal drawings containing 8 figures.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to **KABUSHIKI KAISHA TOSHIBA**.
5. Certified Copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-041486, filed on February 19, 2003.
6. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
7. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Total Claims	20	-	20	0 x \$18	
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8. A check for \$810.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:
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\$40.00 Assignment recordation fee.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-041486, filed on February 19, 2003.

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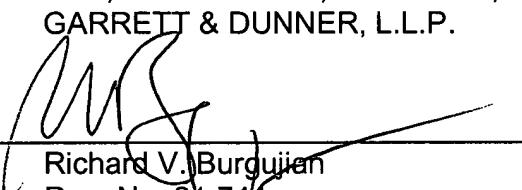
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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